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SUBJECT: PORT AND SHIPYARD EQUIPMENT TRADE MISSION

DIRECTOR OF THE MISSION WILL BE TILTON H. DOBBIN, FORMER ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF COMMERCE FOR DOMESTIC AND INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS. PICTURE SENT APO TO ROME AND ATHENS AND INTERNATIONAL MAIL TO ZAGREB JANUARY 16. ADVANCE OFFICER CARRYING ADDITIONAL PRINTS. BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH FOLLOWS:

AS ASSISTANT SECRETARY FROM JUNE 1973 TO AUGUST 1975, MR. DOBBIN HEADED THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE'S DOMESTIC UNCLASSIFIED

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AND INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION (DIBA), WHICH

WAS ESTABLISHED IN NOVEMBER 1972 TO PROVIDE GREATER ASSISTANCE TO AMERICAN COMPANIES IN BOTH DOMESTIC AND FOREIGN COMMERCE. DIBA CONDUCTS PROGRAMS INVOLVING: THE EXPANSION OF U.S. TRADE; COMPETITIVE ASSESSMENT OF U.S. INDUSTRY IN DOMESTIC AND WORLD MARKETS; EXPORT ADMINISTRATION; THE COLLECTION, ANALYSIS AND DISSEMINATION OF SELECTED INFORMATION ON VARIOUS INDUSTRIES, COMMODITIES, AND MARKETS; THE PREPARATION AND EXECUTION OF PLANS FOR INDUSTRIAL MOBILIZATION READINESS; AND FEDERAL RECOGNITION AND PARTICIPATION IN INTERNATIONAL EXPOSITIONS AND TRADE FAIRS HELD IN THE UNITED STATES.

SINCE 1960 MR. DOBBIN HAS BEEN PRESIDENT, CHAIRMAN OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE MARYLAND NATIONAL BANK IN BALTIMORE, MARYLAND.

FROM 1950-53, MR. DOBBIN WAS AN ASSISTANT CASHIER WITH THE MELLON NATIONAL BANK IN PITTSBURGH, PA., AND FROM 1953 TO 1957 HE HELD THE POSITION OF ASSISTANT TREASURER WITH OLIN-MATHIESON CHEMICAL CORPORATION IN NEW YORK CITY. HE IS A FORMER MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF RICHMOND AND HAS SERVED ON BOARDS OF DIRECTORS OF VARIOUS COMMERCIAL ENTERPRISES THROUGHOUT THE UNITED STATES INCLUDING THE MARYLAND SHIPBUILDING AND DRYDOCK COMPANY OF BALTIMORE, MARYLAND FROM 1961 TO 1973. HE ALSO SERVED AS ITS CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD FROM 1964 TO 1965.

BORN ON APRIL 19, 1917, IN HOWARD COUNTY, MARYLAND, MR. DOBBIN WAS EDUCATED AT THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF BANKING IN BALTIMORE, MARYLAND AND THE GRADUATE SCHOOL OF BANKING OF RUTGERS UNIVERSITY. FROM 1940 TO 1945 HE SERVED IN THE U.S. NAVY.

DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF THE MISSION WILL BE LARRY C. COZART, DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF THE SPECIAL ACTIVITIES DIVISION, OFFICE OF INTERNATIONAL MARKETING, BUREAU OF INTERNATIONAL COMMERCE. RESERVE ONE ADDITIONAL HOTEL ROOM FOR MR. COZART. COZART'S PICTURE AND BIO NEED NOT BE INCLUDED IN THE BROCHURE. SISCO
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